

Appl. No. 10/782,033
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Amdt. dated 06/08/2006
Reply to Office Action of 03/08/2006
Customer No. 27752

REMARKS

Claim 27 is amended to recite a perimeter portion and a central portion. One portion has outwardly extending pillows, the other portion is free from such pillows. Claims 28 – 29 specify the particular portion having pillows and the particular portion free of such pillows. Basis is found in the specification at 20:17 – 21:15.

Claim 27-45 are rejected under 35 USC 103 over Zilg et al. (5,725,927), Wong et al. (2001/0029966), and Marson et al. (EP 0032793 A2). Marson discloses a high loft sheet. Zilg discloses a cloth having islands which project outwardly from the surface and cover the entire surface. Wong discloses a three dimensional cleaning cloth a pattern of regions throughout.

None of the references, taken alone or in combination, teach or suggest the claimed cleaning sheet having two regions – one region with pillow members and one region without pillow members. The claimed arrangement provides the benefit, as set forth in the specification, that dirt can migrate from the pillow regions to the flat regions for storage. Such a benefit is not obtained by the prior art teachings.

Claims 27 – 45 are rejected under 35 USC 112 for use of the phrase “at least about.” Appropriate correction has been made. The specification is amended at page 4 to delete reference to a claim number and is updated at several places to reflect the status of pending applications where appropriate.

All matters raised by the Office Action are believed to be addressed by the amendments made hereunder. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and allow claims 27 – 45.

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